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(3) Original patent claims must maintain their original numbering even though they may have been canceled.

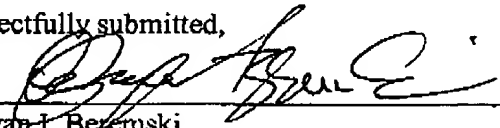
(4) The canceled original patent claims 1-33 and 41-103 must be bracketed rather than struck through.

*With regard to ISSUES (1) and (2):* As suggested by the Attorney and agreed to by Examiner Lee, the Applicants are hereby submitting form PTO/SB/51S ("Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement). The attached form PTO/SB/51S has been signed by all inventors and may be used to resolve issues (1) and (2) above.

*With regard to ISSUES (3) and (4):* The Applicants would like to point out that the canceled original patent claims are 1-33 and 41-144 (and not 41-103 as stated by the Examiner). Furthermore, original patent claims 1-33 and 41-144 were canceled via a statement and not via strike-through (Please see page 2 of the July 21, 2000 Preliminary Amendment). Therefore, the Applicants require further clarification of issues (3) and (4). Please communicate to the undersigned Attorney exactly what action is required so that any remaining issues may be timely resolved.

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